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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GE, GW, WB, US, UK, FR

SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF "BERLIN" IN ITU LISTINGS.

1. FRG REP AT JUNE 12 BONN GROUP MEETING INFORMED OTHERS OF MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM FRG MISSION GENEVA ABOUT A GDR REQUEST TO ITU REGARDING HANDLING OF "BERLIN" IN ITU LISTINGS. THE FRG GENEVA MISSION HAD BEEN INFORMED BY THE ITU SECRETARIAT OF A GDR COMMUNICATION TO THE ITU SECRETARY GENERAL IN WHICH EAST GERMANY REQUESTS THAT THE PRESENT DESIGNATION FOR BERLIN (PLACE: "BERLIN (EAST)"; COUNTRY: "GERMANY") BE REPLACED BY THE DESIGNATION PLACE: "BERLIN"; COUNTRY "DDR." THE FRG GENEVA MISSION IN ITS MESSAGE TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS BY MONDAY, JUNE 16, AT THE LATEST SINCE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE ITU SECRETARIAT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

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FRENCH, BRITISH, AND AMERICAN GENEVA MISSIONS ARE TO

BEGIN EARLY IN THAT WEEK. THE FRG MESSAGE FROM GENEVA ALSO NOTES THAT THE WEST GERMANS INDICATED TO THE ITU WHEN THEY RECEIVED THE INFORMATION ON THE EAST GERMAN COMMUNICATION THAT THIS MATTER IS ESSENTIALLY ONE FOR THE FOUR POWERS.

2. IN ENSUING BONN GROUP DISCUSSION, WHILE IT WAS CLEAR TO ALL REPS THAT DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING THE FORM, CONTENT AND USE OF THE VARIOUS ITU LISTS WAS REQUIRED BEFORE ANY DEFINITIVE CONCLUSIONS COULD BE DRAWN, CONSENSUS WAS REACHED ON THE FOLLOWING FIVE POINTS AS PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS.

-- 1. FROM EXAMPLES WHICH THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE HAD SUPPLIED REGARDING "BERLIN" HANDLING IN SOME ITU LISTS, IT IS CLEAR THAT IN SOME CASES THERE IS A STRONG PRACTICAL ASPECT REGARDING THE WAY "BERLIN" IS HANDLED; IN MANY INSTANCES IT IS A QUESTION LARGELY OF AVOIDING CONFUSION AS TO WHICH PART OF BERLIN IS MEANT.

-- 2. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE CHANCES OF SUCCESSFULLY CONTESTING THE GDR REQUEST ARE RATHER SMALL; THERE IS ALSO LITTLE DESIRE TO GET INTO ANOTHER EXCHANGE SUCH AS THAT ON THE TREATMENT OF "BERLIN" IN THE UN DEMOGRAPHIC YEARBOOK.

-- 3. AT THE SAME TIME, THE THREE ALLIES CANNOT SIMPLY ACCEPT THE GDR PROPOSAL AND NOT TAKE ANY STEPS TO PROTECT THEIR OWN POSITION.

-- 4. IF THE GDR FORMULA OR SOME VARIATION OF IT WERE USED, THEN, IT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN APPROPRIATE DISCLAIMER--THE PRECISE WORDING OF WHICH WOULD DEPEND UPON THE NATURE OF THE ITU LIST/DOCUMENT BUT PERHAPS ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: "REFERENCES TO BERLIN IN THIS LIST ARE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ANY QUESTIONS OF STATUS

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WHICH MAY BE INVOLVED"

-- 5. CONSIDERATION SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO DEMAND-
ING "EQUAL TREATMENT" FOR THE WSB; THIS WOULD ALSO DEPEND
UPON THE NATURE OF THE LIST, BUT FROM SOME EXAMPLES
PROVIDED BY THE FRG IT IS CLEAR THAT IN SOME LISTS "EQUAL
TREATMENT" ALREADY EXISTS.

3. FRG HAS UNDERTAKEN TO SUPPLY ALLIED BONN GROUP REPS
WITH DETAILED INFORMATION ON ITU LISTS, DOCUMENTS, ETC.,
WHICH CONTAIN "BERLIN" ENTRIES BUT IN MEANTIME ALL REPS
AGREED TO REPORT TENTATIVE THOUGHTS (ABOVE) TO THEIR
GENEVA MISSIONS AS OF POSSIBLE USE IN ANY ITU APPROACHES
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ON SUBJECT. THERE WAS ALSO AGREEMENT THAT GENEVA
MISSIONS WOULD BE INVITED TO REPORT CONTENT OF ANY
DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECT WITH ITU SECRETARIAT AND PARTICU-
LARLY INFORMATION REGARDING ANY URGENCY WHICH ITU
SECRETARIAT MAY FEEL ON SUBJECT.

4. COMMENT: IT DOES NOT APPEAR REALISTIC TO US, AS
NOTED ABOVE, THAT ALLIES/FRG COULD SUCCEED IN PREVENTING
GDR REQUEST, OR MODIFICATION THEREOF, FROM BEING IMPLE-
MENTED. EQUALLY, THERE IS NO DESIRE TO BECOME INVOLVED
IN ANOTHER CONTINUING EXCHANGE SUCH AS THAT OVER "BERLIN"

TREATMENT IN THE UN DEMOGRAPHIC YEARBOOK. REGARDING
"EQUAL TREATMENT" POSSIBILITY, THIS WOULD SEEM OPEN TO
EASTERN ATTACK ON THE GROUNDS THAT EVEN THE THREE ALLIES
HOLD THE VIEW THAT THE WSB ARE NOT A PART OF THE FRG. WE
BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM WOULD BE
ADEQUATELY COVERED BY THE DISCLAIMER LANGUAGE; THAT IS,
THE DISCLAIMER WOULD APPLY TO WEST AS WELL AS TO EAST
BERLIN.
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